

CORNMEAL IS KING.

The Women of the North Have Not Learned to Recognize Its Possibilities as a Food.

MUFFINS MADE FROM HOMINY.

Sponge Corn Cake That Requires Judgment and Experience in the Use of Soda and Sour Milk.

HOW THE ITALIAN WOMEN COOK.

Artistic and Musical Calls to Make the Dinner Announcement Pleasanter.

(WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH.)

INDIAN corn is the homespunking. There is no cereal deserving more or receiving less from the American people. We are making a vast ado about introducing our corn to Europe, but do we recognize its value ourselves? How few families, outside the Southern States, habitually use cornmeal? Not one who has seen and tasted the many delicious dishes that can be made out of cornmeal will ever sneer at it again.

Besides the meal (or flour) of corn there are several varieties of hominy, coarse or fine, that serve admirably for vegetables or side dishes. The fine hominy which we have often had this morning as a mush for breakfast, and then (letting a dash intervene to help people to forget, for we are artful cooks), by adding an egg to the revision of the mush, we have served hominy croquettes in elegance for dinner. There is always an air of elegance and the caterer about croquettes, somehow. Instead, I have had a capital recipe for the Pilaf.

Remember a savory kind of hoecake that deserved a better name—it was called "dog bread." To make it, call's liver and bacon were cooked (the remnant from breakfast being used as a supply cooked for the occasion) and cut into small pieces and finally mixed with the hoecake mush, before it was turned into the pan. I put little bits of butter on top of it, and it is amazing how good it always was. Any kind of meat can be used instead of liver and bacon, it will be seen that this is a most economical dish, and it is a good one for the country. Liver is cheap and so is bacon. The actual expense for a cake for a family of five, in a Western town, was as follows: Bacon, five cents; meat, five cents; butter (to grease pans) say, 30c, total 17c.

OCTAVE THAYER.

THE TABLE, THE WOODBURN, AND THE MORNING DRESS.

SMALL TALK FOR WOMEN.

A Point in Etiquette From Pittsburg—The Right Age to Go to College—Making Little Folks Useful—Women's Ideas of Neatness.

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American parents are proverbial for the indulgence of their children, and in many cases this indulgence is carried so far that the children eclipse their parents and bend all household ways to suit their childish caprices. In many homes children are waited upon too much and would be happier and better if they were trained to respect the service of their elders. A child's natural activity and pride delight in duties and responsibilities that are not too burdensome, and there is no keener pleasure for a well trained boy or girl than the sense of being trusted. This characteristic may be developed and these natural activities trained into helpful deeds.

The mother takes endless steps and constant care of each little one, and as soon as possible she should begin to require little services. It takes longer for little feet to toddle across the floor for the pencil than for one's self, but will it be with every attempt at training the unskilled hands and feet. It is easier for a mother to sew the seam, to darn the stocking or to make the bread than to guide the daughter's awkward fingers in the use of a pen or pencil. A sensible woman knows that a mother who fails to teach these things does both the child and herself injustice.

Things a Child Should Do.

There are countless services that are within the capacity of even very young children. Picking up their playthings, pushing the chairs into their proper places, handing trifles to each other, carrying messages from one adult to another are simple instances. Children should be taught always to put their clothes upon a chair and not to drop them on the floor, to hang up their coats and hats if low hooks are provided for them; to hang up the towel and wring out the wash in a tub; to sweep the floor in a damp heap. Where there are set bowls, children should not be allowed to leave dirty water standing, nor under any circumstances to eat or drink from a glass or box should be provided so that the child can reach.

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MAGIC OVEN IN ITALY.

One of the Secrets of the Excellence of Italian Dishes—The Women Can Work in Reception Costumes—Something America Might Adopt With Profit.

(CONTRIBUTOR OF THE DISPATCH.)

Rome, Jan. 17.—The other name for the "Magic Oven" is the forno di campagna. When it is used—that is, if it is used understandingly—there are neither dust, dirt, gas, smoke, heavy cake, soggy potatoes, explosions nor ruffled tempers. What it is used for is not exactly a stove, though it answers every purpose of one.

Fancy hanging up a long white apron in a room in which it is quite suitable to make your entrance to reception room or salon, appearing before your guests, too, with clean hands and serene unimpaired countenance. Fancy a stove that has never known nor needed blocking that burns only a dollar and a half's worth of fuel in a week, no matter how extravagant you may be in the use of it. One to which you may trust your most delicate compounds, with light heart and untroubled conscience.

What the Italians Cook With.

There are many things our Italian sisters could copy most advantageously from our own scientifically arranged systems of cooking, but in solving the very important question: "How shall we cook," that is "on what and with what shall we cook," they are far

in advance of us; so far that I wish I could induce every woman out of Italy, to refuse to use anything but the equal of the Italian "madre's" cooking apparatus, for its economy, its healthfulness and comfort. Before this is possible in the highest degree, however, our housekeepers and housewives must induce our architects to join forces with them as they do here, where there is scarce a dwelling, even that of the poorest, that has not its "hardly what to call it, for it is neither range nor stove simply—built in a corner of the kitchen of every "house."

Only that it was closed at the bottom, I thought "it" was a set tub covered with shining tiles of blue and white porcelain, instead of made of soapstone, that the first one I saw was just about the size and width of one of the double tubs that are a part of our laundries. It was a trifle higher, but otherwise it was just what I needed. It was an opening in the chimney, about the size of a very small stovepipe. Now can you see why there is always a good draught without dampers (which are too often literal expressions of their name) and why there is neither smoke nor steam going into the kitchen?

For boiling, a few bits of cane are put in the square grate over which the grate or the sauceron is to be placed; and a slightful of charcoal is put over the cane, a shovel is applied, and if you are in a hurry, over it is put a tin of water, and the water is very like a stovepipe, perhaps two feet high, with a funnel at the top; a contrivance that is expressly known in Italian as "il forno," and which, because it starts fire in such a marvellous short time, for so soon as it is fairly on, than snap! goes the carbon and a shower of sparks issues from the top and sails away up the chimney.

When the stove is used, the preliminary preparations are the same, but the dish holding the mixture is placed in an outer dish of brick, tin, and over it is put that wonderful magician, the forno di campagna, that looks very like a black iron stove, but is really a tin of "forno" slips, settling firmly down on the stove. Under the dish that contains the material to be baked in the charcoal fire in the grate, above the stove, are placed and replenished before the glow dies out, and on the top of the "forno" more glowing coals are placed and treated in the same way, so you see, that everywhere there is an equal diffusion of heat, and food thus cooked cannot be unhealthily as far as the process itself is concerned. I have seen and tasted the most delicious bread, and turkeys taken hence, perfectly browned and "done to a turn," as our grandmothers would say.

When the tempting food is removed the "forno" is hung up or placed beside it, and the tiles are washed and everything is finished. The "forno" was invented by an Italian, though, but by a Frenchman, and it would be quite possible to use it with our charcoal stoves.

THEO. KILPATRICK.

THE MORNING DRESS.

It Should Be Dainty, Only If the Wearer Is a Bride or an Invalid—Character of the Dress to Be Aimed at—Some Charming Designs.

(WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH.)

HE morning dress shown in the initial of this letter should be vigorous and pleasing in color and characteristic in form. It should strike the keynote of the day with earnestness and strength.